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BOX PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 CFR 1.53(b) is:

- ☐ a patent application  
☐ a Continuation ☒ a Divisional ☐ a Continuation-in-Part (CIP)  
of prior application no.: 09/185,803; filed 4 November 1998.  
☐ A Small Entity Statement(s) was filed in the prior application; Status still proper and desired.

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Entitled: **WET FLUE GAS DESULFURIZER AND OXYGEN-CONTAINING GAS BLOWING  
DEVICE FOR USE THEREIN**

Enclosed are:

1. ☒ Application Transmittal Letter and Fee Transmittal Form (*A duplicate is enclosed for fee processing*)
2. ☒ 38 pages of Specification (including 11 claims)
3. ☒ 10 sheets of Formal Drawings (35 USC 113)
4. ☒ Oath or Declaration
  - a. ☐ newly executed (*original or copy*)
  - b. ☒ copy from prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d) (*for continuation/divisional*) [Note Box 5 Below]
  - c. ☐ DELETION OF INVENTOR(S) (*Signed statement deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application*)
5. ☒ Incorporation By Reference (*useable if box 4b is checked*)

The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
6. ☐ Microfiche Computer Program (*Appendix*)
7. ☒ Assignment papers (*cover sheet(s) and document(s)*) Filed in parent application
8. ☐ Small Entity Statement(s)
9. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449 (**References Submitted in Parent Application**)
10. ☒ Preliminary Amendment (***Please enter all claim amendments prior to calculating the filing fee.***)
11. ☐ English Translation Document
12. ☒ Certified Copies of Japanese Patent Application Nos. 9-302654; Filed November 5, 1997 and 10-029170; Filed January 27, 1998. Filed in parent application

13. ☐ Sequence Listing/ Sequence Listing Diskette  
 a. ☐ computer readable copy  
 b. ☐ paper copy  
 c. ☐ statement in support  
 14. ☐ An Associate Power of Attorney  
 15. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (Should be specifically itemized)  
 16. ☐ Other:

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